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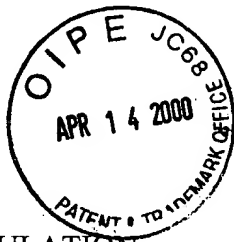
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed October 12, 1999, applicants amend their above-identified patent application as follows and respectfully request reconsideration.

**In the Claims:**

Amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) Seismic wave simulation apparatus for generating a simulated seismic wave in a geological specimen, [which comprises] said apparatus comprising an elastic energy accumulator [comprising] including a member arranged[, in use,] to act on the geological test specimen and supported to resist movement in a direction away from the specimen when [the] said elastic energy accumulator is preloaded in said direction by actuator means, the arrangement being such that[, in use,] the preload force [can be] is quelled suddenly[, for

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